

Application Serial No. 10/789,058
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 are pending in the present application before this amendment. By the present amendment, Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art described in Background section of the present application.

Claims 2-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the admitted prior art in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,639,256 (Endo). The "et al." suffix, which may appear after a reference name, is omitted in this paper.

Claim 1 has been amended to differentiate the presently claimed invention more clearly from the admitted prior art.

Although the admitted prior art may appear to describe a control adapter having a connector, a transmission unit (circuit board), and an engagement mechanism for engaging the control unit, the admitted prior art has difficulty in suitably installing the aforementioned components in the controlled adapter from the aspects of maneuverability and size-reduction the control adapter. By positioning the aforementioned components in a manner described in the presently claimed invention, however, the maneuverability and size-reduction of the control adapter can be prevented from being adversely affected.

Furthermore, the engagement mechanism of the presently claimed invention not only has an advantage of providing a more satisfactory attachment but also an advantage of enabling transmission of the input signals from the control unit to be switched from wire type transmission to wireless type transmission. This advantage is

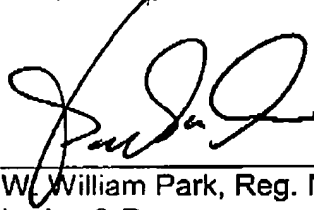
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not disclosed in the engagement mechanism of Endo.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-4, pending in this application are in condition for allowance over the cited reference. This amendment is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and earnestly solicits an indication of allowable subject matter. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,



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